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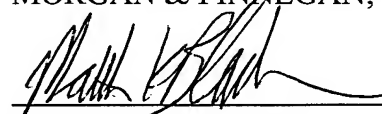
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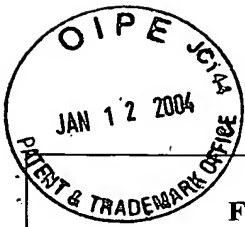
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	1	DPS Promotors- Canon, et al. " White Paper of DPS Specification" December 2, 2002. XP002259117.
	2	European Search Report October 24, 2003.

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